

**CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

1. (Currently Amended) A barrier defining a width and height for vehicles as might be found on a loading dock, comprising:

a pair of vertical side members, each composed of metallic elements covered by a polymeric sheathing;

a horizontal member, also comprised of a metallic element covered by polymeric sheathing, spanning the two vertical members,

the horizontal member defining a height distance with respect to ~~the~~ a loading dock platform into which the vertical members are received; and

wherein the vertical side members and the horizontal member are attached by way of a saddle weld.

2. (Original) The barrier of claim 1, wherein the horizontal member has a length which extends beyond the outermost extent of the vertical side members.

3. (Original) The barrier of claim 1, wherein the vertical side members have a length which extends beyond the upper extent of the horizontal member.

4. (Original) The barrier of claim 1, wherein the vertical side members and the horizontal member are attached by way of a removable fastener.

5. (Canceled)